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SURGEON-GENERAL RUPERT BLUE, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

It is an unusually keen pleasure to announce not alone that General Blue was elected President of the A. M. A., but that the election to that office occurred in San Francisco; and furthermore, that it was an expression of a spontaneous desire to have him at the head of the Association, and not in any way a matter of "medical politics." No more appropriate thing could have happened than for the office to come to him in the city for which he did so much; in the city in which his great idea was born, the idea that alone would mark any man as great—the idea accepted by the world as the ultimate solution of the problem of bubonic plague—building out the rats. The biggest part of Dr. Blue's work in California is not a part of the record; it will never go into official

reports or be a part of any government document, but it showed him to be a master diplomat as well as a public health genius, and endeared him to the people of California and of San Francisco. His biggest problem in dealing with the plague situation in San Francisco was to harmonize the many warring elements and bring many men who were unfriendly to each other, into a state of mind wherein they would work for the common cause; and this he did so quietly, so perfectly and so thoroughly, that few people realized what was going on. To those of us who could see and appreciate, the masterly diplomacy of Dr. Blue during the time of the plague fight was nothing short of wonderful. It is just this diplomatic ability, calm judgment, unruffled temper and forceful executive sense that will be of the greatest aid to the Association at the present time in handling the many very important problems on its hands. These are no times in which to have angry, intemperate arguments concerning the problems within our own ranks. In every way and particular, Dr. Blue is in perfect harmony with the policies and the objectives and the practical work of the American Medical Association, and we may rest assured that constructive progress will be made during his administration. He takes office next year at Detroit. General Blue, California, and especially San Francisco, is proud that the Association has honored itself in electing you to become its President.

The place of meeting for 1916 will be Detroit and the time will be the week beginning June 6th.

The other officers elected are as follows: First Vice-President, Albert Vander Veer, N. Y.; Second, G. V. Evans, Ohio; Third, Donald Campbell, Montana; Fourth, Herbert C. Moffitt, San Francisco; Secretary (re-elected), Alex. R. Craig, Chicago; Treasurer, Wm. A. Pusey, Chicago; Trustees, M. L. Harris, W. T. Councilman, Thomas McDavitt—all elected to succeed themselves.

It is impossible to give more information concerning the meetings of last month, in this issue, as it would delay publication too long.

The registered attendance at the San Francisco session was about 2,300.